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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th September 1880, No. 2,173 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 86. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 1st July 1880, No. 252.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. JOHNSON, Superintending Engineer of Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 4th June 1880, No. 2,805.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 796, dated 7th March 1877, sanctioning an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,793, for repairs to St. Mark's Church in the Fort of Mercara for execution by the Coorg Public Works Department, I have the honor to inform you that the re-flooring of the chancel has not yet been finished, owing to the non-supply of flooring tiles by the School of Arts, Madras, to which the order to make them up was sent on the 5th November 1877. The Executive Engineer, Coorg Division, reports that two cases of tiles were received on the 28th January 1879, which were found to contain less than one-fourth the quantity ordered; and that, although he has since repeatedly addressed the Superintendent of the School of Arts on the subject, he has neither received any reply nor any more tiles.

2. The rates charged for the tiles are said to be from Re. 1 to Rs. $1\frac{1}{4}$ per square foot, so that, with carriage and laying, the estimated rate of 10 annas will nothing like suffice. Further inquiry is being made as regards rates for carriage and laying, but in the meantime it has been considered advisable to inform the Madras Government of the cause of delay in carrying out the work.

No. 1,505.

TRANSFERRED to the Educational Department.

10th June 1880. (Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 1,232.

REFERRED to the Superintendent of the School of Arts for his remarks.

OOTACAMUND,
14th June 1880. (Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

From R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Officiating Superintendent of the School of Arts, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th June 1880, No. 72.

I HAVE the honor to return the papers forwarded with your memorandum, No. 1,232, dated the 14th June 1880.

The order for the Coorg tiles was received shortly after I took charge of the School of Arts and when I was unacquainted with the capabilities of the institution. I asked Mr. Dowley, the Foreman, if he could execute it, and he replied in the affirmative.

I was not aware that at that time glazed articles, instead of being fired in gloss furnaces, were dipped in heavily fluxed compositions which melted under the

influence of hot bratties, and that the colors imparted to ware were obtained by smearing the surface with ochres and letting it subsequently smell the fire, or I should not have undertaken the job at all. Having undertaken it, however, I made it over to Mr. Dowley to complete in the old way, and the result is that he has succeeded in sending 60 superficial feet of very inferior tiling to Coorg at a cost of over Rs. 200, a dead loss to us of Rs. 2 a foot. We can now supply excellent tiling at from 12 annas to 1 rupee per foot, but it must be according to our own designs and *in the natural colors of the clays at our disposal.* Mr. Dowley assures me, as he has done repeatedly before, that he can complete the order in a month's time, but now the subject has been brought forward I see no object in suffering further monetary loss. If the Coorg people are satisfied with what they have, which is the centre portion of the tiling, I would recommend them to accept a border of our own design and coloring; it will then be executed in the ordinary course.

I know nothing of "repeated" unanswered inquiries. There is one letter, dated the 15th December 1879, which I forwarded to Mr. Dowley, with the following remark:—"When are these tiles to go? Answer definitely." To this is attached a pencil note, without date, in my Clerk's handwriting,—"Mr. Dowley says the tiles will be ready by the beginning of February." This memorandum remains unanswered because it was apparently never returned to me for disposal.

COPY of the letter from the Officiating Superintendent of the School of Arts will be furnished to the Commissioner of Mysore for communication to the Superintending Engineer of Mysore with reference to his letter, No. 2,805, dated 4th June 1880.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 86-A. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 3rd September 1880, No. 1,727.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. JOHNSON, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg Public Works Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bangalore, 31st August 1880, No. 1,398/4,558.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 252, dated 1st July 1880, annexing copy of a communication from the Superintendent of the School of Arts explaining cause of delay in supplying flooring tiles for St. Mark's Church in the Mercara Fort, I am directed to submit the accompanying copy of letter, No. 284, dated 7th instant, from the Executive Engineer, Coorg, and of letter, dated 29th ultimo, therewith received, from Rev. Etty, Chaplain of Mercara, and to solicit orders with reference to the suggestion to hand over the balance of estimated value of the tiles to the Chaplain, in view to his raising funds by subscription and procuring them from England.

2. I am also to annex for orders copy of paragraph 6 of letter, No. 191, dated 28th May 1880, from Executive Engineer, Coorg, recommending that the rate for grey granite slabs for the steps to the church be raised from 8 annas to Rs. 1-8-0 per running foot. This will cause an excess expenditure of Rs. 44 over the present sanctioned estimate.

From E. GRAMATZKI, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coorg Division, to the Assistant Superintending Engineer of Mysore and Coorg, dated Mercara, 28th May 1880, No. 191.

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6. The estimate also provides grey granite slabs for the step to the chancel and round the communion table rail. The rate allowed for this work is 8 annas per running foot, for which I could scarcely get roughly quarried slabs in Mercara. To procure finely dressed slabs they would have to be prepared either in Bangalore or Mysore where good stone-cutters are procurable, and could not be had at either of these places under 1 rupee per running foot, add to this for cart-hire to Mercara, and fixing 8 annas per running foot would bring up the rate to Rs. 1-8-0.

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From the same Officer, dated Mercara, 7th August 1880, No. 284.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No. 3,552 of 9th ultimo giving cover to copies of marginally-noted correspondence regarding the repairs of St. Mark's Church, Mercara, and with reference thereto, I beg to report that I have laid the above papers before Rev. C. J. Etty, Chaplain of Mercara, who forwarded to me a letter, dated 29th ultimo, copy of which I enclose.

Letter No. 2,805, dated 4th June 1880, from the Superintending Engineer of Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department—Government of Madras Order, No. 252, dated 1st July 1880.

2. I beg to state that I quite agree with Rev. Etty, and I would strongly recommend Government giving the money allowed for the tiles to the Chaplain and leaving the congregation to contribute the additional funds required for procuring a good article from England.

3. No mention has been made of the slab stones alluded to in paragraph 6 of my letter, No. 191, dated the 5th May 1880, and as they would be still required I solicit sanction to obtaining them and at the same time to the enhanced rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per running foot.

From Rev. C. J. ETTY, Chaplain of Mercara, to the Executive Engineer, Coorg Division, dated Mercara, 29th July 1880.

I HAVE the honor to return herewith copy of the letter of the Superintending Engineer of Mysore and its enclosures of contents of which I have taken due note.

With regard to the suggestion of the Superintendent of the School of Arts, Madras, that he should supply a border for the centre portion of the tiling already sent, the border to be of his own design and of the natural color of the clay, and I presume unglazed, I have the honor to intimate that such tiling would be utterly unfit to lay down in a church. Besides it is not merely a matter of border, there is another centre and bordering required for the outer portion of the chancel. The tiles already sent are of very inferior quality, and to complete the work with a yet commoner article would make it a very coarse patch-work affair.

Will you be so good, as it seems to be impossible to get the work properly done in this country, as to ask the Government to place the money granted for Minton tiles in my hands, when with the assistance of the congregation I will get some good tiles out from England and have them laid down. This will, I believe, be the best way out of our present difficulty.

TRANSFERRED, with the previous papers, to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1880, No. 2,173 W.

ON receipt of an assurance from the Rev. Mr. Etty that he has succeeded in raising private subscriptions sufficient, with the Government contribution, to procure Minton tiles from England, there will be no objection to hand over the unexpended balance.

2. It is, however, possible that tiles similar to those now being laid at Government House, Ootacamund, would be found good enough for the church, if not too costly. Mr. Etty might put himself into communication with Mr. Chisholm on the matter.

3. The enhancement of the rate for grey granite slabs, from 8 annas to Rs. 1-8-0 per running foot, causing an excess over the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 44, is accepted.

(Here enter No. 2,174 W., dated 17th September 1880.)

(True Extract.)

R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintendent, School of Arts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1880 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 16th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 16th September 1880, No. 2,173 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 86-87.

St. Mark's Church, Mercara.—Intimating willingness, on certain conditions, to hand over to the Rev. Mr. Etty the balance of the Government contribution for repairs to :—

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 2,174 W.

No. 88.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

SIR,—In reply to Lieutenant-Colonel Johnson's letter of the 31st August 1880, No. 1,398/4,558, I am directed to forward copy of the orders passed on it by this Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th September 1880.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1880} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF
MYSORE.

Dated September, 17th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 17th September 1880, No. 2,174 W.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 88.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings intimating willingness, on certain conditions, to hand over to the Rev. Mr. Etty the balance of the Government contribution for repairs to St. Mark's Church in Mercara.

W. E. No. 2805

Mysore Public Works Department
Central Office
Bangalore 4th June 1880.

From,

Lieutt. Colonel W. R. Johnson,
Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 188 dated 9th March 1878, sanctioning an Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,793, for repairs to Saint Mark's Church in the Fort of Mercara for execution by the Coorg Public Works Department, I have the honor to inform you that the re-flooring of the chancel has not yet been finished, owing to the non-supply of flooring tiles by the School of Arts, Madras, to which the order to make them up was sent on the 5th November 1877.

The Executive Engineer Coorg Division reports that 2 cases of tiles were received on the 28th January 1879, which were found to contain less than one-fourth the quantity ordered; and that although he has since repeatedly addressed the Superintendent of the School of Arts on the subject, he has neither

neither received any reply, nor any more tiles.—

II.— The rates charged for the tiles are said to be from Rupees 1 to 1¼ per Square foot, so that, with carriage and laying, the estimated rate of 10 annas, will nothing like suffice. Further inquiry is being made as regards rates for carriage and laying; but in the meantime, it has been considered advisable to inform the Madras Government of the cause of delay in carrying out the work.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

H Robinson Lieut.-Colonel.
Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

Bangalore
the 7th June
1880

Encl
Nil

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No 1505

Forwarded to the Educational department.

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Under Secy P.W.D.

10th June 80

Encl. to 1880-81 Department
From School of Arts
The Superintending Engineer
R.W.D. of Madras
7 JUN 80
No.
To,
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.

SOMO-252 R.D.
Dated 4th June 1880.
Despatched
Received 12 June 80.
Enclosures (None)
12 JUN 80

No. 2805
Subject.

Informs that the re-flooring of the chancel of Saint Marks Church in the Fort of Madras has not yet been finished as owing to the non-supply of flooring tiles by the School of Arts Madras

No. 1232.

Referred to the Superintendent School of Arts for his remarks.

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Chief Secretary

Forwarded 14th June 80 by his Superintendent School of Arts.

No. 305

No. 72 R.D.
26 JUN 80

School of Arts
Madras 24th June 1880

From,
R. F. Chisholm Esq:
Offg: Superintendent School of Arts

To,
Madras
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept., Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the papers forwarded with Your Memo: No. 1232 dated the 14th June 1880.

The Opter for the Coir tiles was received shortly after I took charge of the School of Arts and when I was unacquainted with the capabilities of the Institution. I asked Mr Donlay the foreman if he could execute it and he replied in the affirmative.

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filing at from 3 1/2 Annas to 1 Rupee per foot but it must be according to our own designs, and in the natural colors of the clays at our disposal. Mr Dowley assures me as he has done repeatedly before, that he can complete the order in a months time, but now the subject has been brought forward, I see no object in suffering further monetary loss. If the Coorg people are satisfied with what they have which is the Centre portion of the tiling, I would recommend them to accept a border of our own design and coloring, it will then be executed in the ordinary course.

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"When are these files to go? Answer
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pencil note without date. in
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"Hornby says the files will be"
"ready by the beginning of February."
This Memo remains unanswered
because it was apparently never
returned to me for disposal.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
W Chisholm
Offg Superintendent.

P.W.D.
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(1880) Department.
Public Works
From
The Offg Superintending Engr
Coorg
No. 72
Dated 24th June 80.
Received 26th June 80.
No. 346
Submitting remarks on letter from the Superg Engr Coorg regarding delay in supplying floor-ing tiles for the chancel of St Mark's church in Mercara P.W.D.
Read letter from the Officiating Secretary to Government No. 252 dated 1st July 1880 forwarding copy of a communication from the Superintendent School of Arts explaining cause of delay in supplying floor-ing tiles for the chancel of St Mark's church in Mercara
Read letter No. 2505 - 4 dated 4th August 1880 from the Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Madras
Read letter No. 346 dated 31st August 1880 from the Chief Commissioner Coorg P.W.D.
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No. 1398 / 4558

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office
Public Works Department
Bangalore 31st August 1880.

From,

Lieut. Colonel W. B. Johnson
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Coorg P. W. Department.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

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Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 252 dated 1st July 1880, annexing Copy of a Communi-cation from the Superintendent School of Arts, explaining cause of delay in supplying flooring tiles for St. Mark's church in the Mercara Fort, I am directed to sub-mit the accompanying copy of letter No. 284 dated 7th instant, from the Executive Engineer Coorg, and of letter dated 29th ultimo, therewith received, from Revd. Ettey, Chaplain of Mercara; and to solicit orders with reference to the suggestion to hand over the balance of estimated value of the tiles to the Chaplain in view to his raising funds by subscrip-tion and procuring them from England.—

II.— I am also to annex for orders Copy of para 6 of letter No. 191 dated 28th May 1880, from Executive Engineer Coorg, recommending that

that the rate for grey granite slabs for the steps to the Church be raised from 8 annas to 1½ Rupees per running foot. This will cause an excess expenditure of Rupees 44 over the present sanctioned Estimate. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.

J. W. Jackson Lieut. Colonel
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
& Comp. P. W. Department

Bangalore
31st August
1880

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Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office
Public Works Department.
Edmpte 1880
From, (Inspector [illegible])
R. The Secretary to the
3 SEP 80 Chief Commissioner
of Coorg P.W. Dept.

To, The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Dated 31st August 1880.
Despatched 1st September
Received 3d. —

No. 1727 P.W.D.

Transferred, with the previous papers, to the Public Works Department for disposal.

R. Davidson
Chief Secretary

Fort St. George
3d. September 1880.

To the Public Works Department with orders Edmpte No. 252 - 1 July a.
(to be returned)

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No. 1398/458 Enclosures (7.)
Subject
Annexes Copy of Coorg Executive Engineer's No. 191 dated 28th May recommending to raise the rate for grey granite slabs from 8 annas to 1½ Rupee per running foot, and solicits orders to hand over the balance of the estimated value of flooring tiles for St. Mark's Church, Mercara, to the Chaplain. —

With Government.

No. 191. 21737/12
Mysore Public Works Department
Executive Engineer's Office
Coorg Division
Mercara 28th May 1880.

From, The Executive Engineer
Coorg Division

To, The Offg. Superintending Engineer
of Mysore & Coorg.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed) B. Gratudy Esqr
Executive Engineer
Coorg Division.

True Extract. —

J. M. Jackson Lieut. Colonel
Secretary to the Chief Commr. of Coorg P.W. Dept.

Ed.

No. 284

Exc: Engineer's Office
Coorg Division
Mercara 7th August 1880.

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From,

The Executive Engineer
Coorg Division

To,

The Offg. Superintending Engineer
of Mysore and Coorg.-

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No. 3552 of 9th ultimo, giving Cover to Copies of marginal noted correspondence regarding the repairs of St. Marks Church Mercara, and with reference thereto I beg to report that I have laid the above papers before Revd. C.J. Etty, Chaplain of Mercara, who forwarded to me a letter dated 29th ultimo Copy of which I enclose.-

2.- I beg to state that I quite agree with Revd. Etty and I would strongly recommend Government giving the money allowed for the tiles to the Chaplain, and leaving the Congregation* to contribute the additional funds required for procuring a good article from England.-

3.- No mention has been made

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* Letter No. 2805 dated 4th June 1880, from the Superintending Engineer of Mysore to the Secretary to the Government of Madras P.W. Deptt.
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I have the honor to be, &c
(Signed) E. Gramatzki
Executive Engineer
Coorg Division.

Mercara
July 29th 1880.

To,

E. Gramatzki Esquire
Executive Engineer
Coorg Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to return herewith copy of the letter of the Superintending Engineer of Ellgoor, and its enclosures of Contents of which I have taken due note.

With regard to the suggestion of the Superintendent of the School of Arts, Madras, that he should supply a border for the centre portion of the tiling already sent, the border to be of his own design,

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and of the natural colour of the clay, and I presume, unglazed, I have the honor to intimate that such tiling would be utterly unfit to lay down in a Church. Besides it is not merely a matter of border; there is another centre and bordering required for the interportion of the chancel. The tiles already sent are of very inferior quality; and to complete the work with a yet common or article would make it a very coarse patch work affair.—

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(Signed) C. J. Etty
Chaplain of Mercara.

True Copies.—

W. Johnson Lieut. Colonel
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of
Coorg &c &c &c

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement in the Educational Dept.

No. 1727 d/ 3rd Sept. 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

Both recommendations appear to be reasonable as to the form of the [illegible]

W. H. Lawley
Asst Dr.

6th Sept 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th Septr 1880

Read the following:—

From

The Educational Dept (No 1727 dd 3rd Septr 1880)

On receipt of an assurance from the Revd Mr Petty that he has succeeded in raising private subscriptions sufficient with the Govt contribution, to procure Minton tiles from England, there will be no objection to hand over the suspended balance—

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3. The enhancement of the rate for grey granite slabs, from 8 annas to 1/2 rupee per running foot, causing an excess over the sanctioned estimate of Rs 44, is accepted -

H.G. No: 2174 W a/ 17th Sept 1880.

To,
The Chief Commissioner
of Mysore.

Sir,

In reply to Lt Colonel Johnson's letter of the 31st Augt 1880, No. 1398/4558, I am directed to forward copy of the order passed on it by the Govt -

14/9/80

S.W. Standing ✓
Esq S.W. Scott ✓
Supdt, School of Arts -

Room 29/9/80

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Govt. of [1880] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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St Mauls' Church.
Mercara.

Intimating willingness, on certain conditions, to hand over to the Revd. Mr. Utley the balance of the fund contributed for repairs to ——.